

REMARKS

Claim 10 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 11. Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form and the non-elected claims have been canceled to advance prosecution. Applicants will rely upon the protections afforded by 35 USC 121 regarding any divisional application that may be filed. The claims before the Examiner are claims 1, 10, and 12.

The rejection of claim 1 under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement of the Patent Code is respectfully traversed. The Examiner interprets the disclosure in the first paragraph of page 17 to be of a "specific bi-layer." Applicants respectfully disagree. The two different layers described therein, namely alumina and alumite, are each representative anti-corrosive film layers. The disclosure is not of a "specific bi-layer." We are informed that it is technically impossible to have an anti-corrosive layer comprise an alumina layer and an alumite layer; the anti-corrosion film layer is either an alumina layer or an alumite layer. As such the subject matter of claim 1 is properly described in the specification and the rejection should be withdrawn.

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The prior art rejections of claims 10, 19, and 20 are rendered moot by the present amendment.

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the case is in immediate condition for allowance and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required prior to allowance.

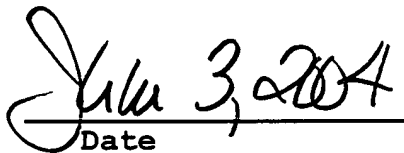
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